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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 340 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 340 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

10/609,084

**Applicant(s)**

LEE ET AL.

**Examiner**UMAMAHESWARI  
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/17/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17,18,29-34,37 and 42-60 renumbered as 1-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Application Priority**

This application is a CON of 09/795,073, 02/26/2001, PAT 6,586,387 which is a CON of 09/242,658, 2/9/1999 ABN which is a 371 of PCT/EP97/04795, 09/03/1997 and the claim for foreign priority (Switzerland 2202/96, 09/5/1996) is acknowledged.

### **Status**

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/17/1008 has been entered.

Claims 17, 18, 29 and 34 have been amended, claims 1-16, 19-28, 35, 36, 38-40, 41 have been cancelled and claims 42-60 have been added new. Claims 17, 18, 29-34, 37, 42-60 are currently pending and are being examined on the merits herein.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Claims 17, 18, 29-34, 37, 42-60 are free of prior art and are ready for allowance. The claims will be renumbered as 1-28.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims 17, 18, 29-34, 37, 42-60 are directed to a process for the control of weeds in cultivations of useful plants which are resistant to glufosinate comprising applying a herbicidally effective amount of a composition containing glufosinate and at

least one further herbicide selected from the group consisting of prosulfuron, primisulfuron, dicamba, pyridate, dimethenamide and its S-enantiomer, metolachlor and its S-enantiomer, propaquizafop, atrazine, and terbuthylazine to the useful plant or its habitat wherein said further herbicide is present in an amount sufficient to provide an increase in selectivity for the useful plants wherein the useful plants would show greater injury if said further herbicide were omitted from said composition with the provisos that compositions containing glufosinate and metolachlor, glufosinate and atrazine, glufosinate and a mixture of metolachlor and atrazine, or glufosinate and a mixture of atrazine and dicamba are not used in glufosinate-resistant maize. The claims are allowable as they are free of prior art and due to the showing of Applicants' declaration (Documents 1-5, received Apr 4 2002) resulting in less injury to the plants in the presence of second herbicides when administered along with glufosinate herbicide. The closest prior art of record to the process of control of weeds comprising administering a phosphor herbicide such as glufosinate along with a second herbicide are (1) De Gennaro et al. (U.S. 6,046,134), (2) Watson et al. (U.S. 5,221,314), (3) Flint (Weed Science, 1989, Vol 37, 12-18).

De Gennaro et al. teach herbicidal mixtures comprising cyclohexanedione compounds for controlling the growth of undesired vegetation in a locus like corn (see Abstract, col. 18, claims 1, 8, 10). The reference further teach that mixtures can additionally be used in combination with other commercial herbicides such as sulfuron compounds, atrazine, dicamba, metolachlor, glyphosate, glufosinate, pyridate etc (col. 8, lines 41-67, col. 9, line 1). The reference does not teach a process for the control of

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weeds in plants which are resistant to glufosinate comprising applying a herbicidally effective amount of a composition containing glufosinate and at least one further herbicide selected from prosulfuron, primisulfuron, dicamba, pyridate, dimethenamide and its S-enantiomer, metolachlor and its S-enantiomer, propaquizafop, atrazine, and terbuthylazine to the useful plant wherein said further herbicide is present in an amount sufficient to provide an increase in selectivity for the useful plants wherein the useful plants would show greater injury if said further herbicide were omitted from said composition. The declarations (1 and 2) submitted by the Applicants' show the decrease in injury and 100 % weed control of the phospho-herbicide resistant plants when second herbicide is co-administered with glufosinate. Therefore, there is no anticipation or motivation of teaching a process of controlling weeds in phospho-herbicide resistant plants comprising administering glufosinate along with a second herbicide listed in claim 17 of the instant application to provide an increase in selectivity for the useful plants wherein the useful plants would show greater injury if said further herbicide were omitted from said composition.

Watson et al. teach a process for controlling velvetleaf comprising applying a herbicidally effective amount of synergistic herbicidal composition of chemical herbicide selected from atrazine, trisulfuron, glyphosate, fomesafen etc (col. 12, claim 3). The reference does not teach a combination of glufosinate and a second herbicide in the process for controlling weeds. Therefore, there is no anticipation or motivation of teaching a process of controlling weeds in phospho-herbicide resistant plants comprising administering glufosinate along with a second herbicide listed in claim 17 of

the instant application to provide an increase in selectivity for the useful plants wherein the useful plants would show greater injury if said further herbicide were omitted from said composition.

Flint et al. teach application of glyphosate along with dicamba in a process to control field bindweed (see Abstract). The reference does not teach the process in phospho-herbicide resistant plants. The reference does not demonstrate that there is decrease in injury to the phospho-herbicide resistant plants when second herbicide is co-administered with glufosinate. Therefore, there is no anticipation or motivation of teaching a process of controlling weeds in phospho-herbicide resistant plants comprising administering glufosinate along with a second herbicide listed in claim 17 of the instant application to provide an increase in selectivity for the useful plants wherein the useful plants would show greater injury if said further herbicide were omitted from said composition.

The claims are allowable over the closest art of record because they do not teach, disclose nor make obvious the claimed process of controlling weeds in phospho-herbicide resistant plants comprising administering glufosinate along with a second herbicide listed in claim 17 of the instant application to provide an increase in selectivity for the useful plants wherein the useful plants would show greater injury if said further herbicide were omitted from said composition

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Umamaheswari Ramachandran whose telephone number is 571-272-9926. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/SREENI PADMANABHAN/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1617

